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BICYCLE CONTROL DEVICE

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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached references to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. No fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

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French Patent No. 1312267 discloses a bicycle type brake lever that comprises a layer of synthetic plastic material molded onto and encasing a metal core. Great Britain Patent No. 965862 is believed to be an equivalent of the FR1312267 Patent. Great Britain Patent No. 965862 cited in this IDS and attached for the Examiner's convenience.

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Taiwanese Patent No. 250793 appears to disclose a bicycle brake device having a movable brake lever 40, as best seen in Figures 1 and 2.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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